Evergreen

Evergreen, April 1.- Mrs. Z. E. Cheatham and Mrs. J. K. Hamilton and Mrs. C. J. Paulette attended the W. M. U. Hazel Moon Group 4 meeting at Reedy Springs Baptist Church Sunday P. M.

Mrs. O. C. Paulette is visiting relatives in Lynchburg this week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lowe and family, of Lynchburg, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Paulette Sunday P. M.

Mr. Z. E. Cheatham is attending the Horse Show in Kentucky this week.

Mrs. H. C. Staples and son, Jr. spent Saturday with her mother, Mrs. Minnie Butler, at Carrsville, Va.

Mr. Roy Goin and children, of Lynchburg visited Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Paulette and family Sunday P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wilkerson and Ray Wilkerson, of New Store, Buckingham visited Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Morris recently.

Mrs. James Wonnack entered the Virginia Baptist Hospital Sunday for an operation.

Mr. Henry C. Staples Jr. has accepted a position with the Appalachian Broadcasting Co., Bristol, Va.

Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Leitner, of Windsor, Va., are spending a few days here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Craile spent Sunday in Richmond with relatives.

Mr and Mrs. Owen Henderson and family motored to Richmond Sunday.

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NEGRO EXTENSION NEWS

G. L. James, Farm Agent

The annual Farmers Conference was held on the 25th of March. The speakers were: Mr. E. W. Carson, District Agent, who suggested to the small farmer that he bend every effort toward producing a quality product for market, whatever that product may be; Miss Youtha B. Bell, Home Agent Amherst County, who stressed the fact that "You are what you eat," as to looks, weight, temperment and ability; Mr. A. B. Lyon, Associate Forester, who reminded the group that selling wood products has always been a cash crop product for farmers to fall back on, but with proper management, "Trees," can be cropped into a major cash income.

Mr. George Wooding, of Stonewall community, was presented the "Farmer of the Year Award" ($25.00 Savings Bond, donor the local chapter of the Lions Club). Mr. Wooding received the award due to his cooperative spirit, conservation farming practices, community leadership and farmstead appearance quality.

The group was favored with two selections from the High School Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Surgeon.

Farm Agent Trainee, Mr. L. L. Blowe, has completed his assigned training period in Appomattox, and will take up his duties as full time Agent in Prince Edward County days here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Taylor.

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Farm News

By J. A. Smith, County Agent

Do you know the content of the bag of fertilizer that you buy? Distributed according to regulations: Sterile tobacco stems, Nitrogen solution, Sulphate of ammonia, Superphosphate, Muriate of Potash, and the filler is Magnesium limestone.

Do you know the difference in the nitrogen fertilizers used on crops? The true difference is the per cent of nitrogen each contains, and of course there is the price difference; Nitrate of soda 16%-N; Cal. Nitro 20.5%-N; A. N. L. - 20.5%-N; Amonium nitrate 20.5%. Liquid nitrogen solutions contain from 20 to 45% nitrogen, and the highest nitrogen content is Anhydrous Amonia Gas- 82%-N.

Do you know what analysis of fertilizer equivalent to expect from a ton (2000 lbs) of good quality manure? Nitrogen 10, Phosphate 5, Potash 10, or (10-5-10) fertilizer application.

Britain to Bolster Fleet

Melbourne.- Britain's Far Eastern fleet will be reinforced within two years with the latest-type warships, including a carrier and some rocket-firing submarines and carries.

Surgery is found to relieve heart pains.

Spring Meetings Set

A general field day has been set for May 21 at the Piedmont Research Station at Orange, announces W. W. Lewis, agronomist at VPI.

Other meetings, for professional agriculture workers and seed and fertilizer dealers, will be held at the main Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station, VPI, Blacksburg, May 15, featuring crops and pasture; at Eastern Virginia Research Station, Warsaw, May 22; and at the Southside Research Station at Charlotte, May 23.

Treat Sheep Before They Go To Pasture

There's more to putting your sheep on spring pasture than just opening the gate. George A. Allen, Jr., sheep specialist at VPI, says sheep need careful attention to maintain good health.

He says to give all mature sheep a dose of phenothiazine to get rid of internal parasites before turning them on permanent pasture. Otherwise they will infect the new pasture with worm eggs. If sheep are allowed to drop worm eggs now where they will graze later, a few blades of grass will carry enough worms to infect 100 sheep.

It will be too late if you wait until shearing time to treat your sheep, Allen says. Treat early and turn clean sheep on clean pasture.

Spring Feeder Sales Begin Next Week

The sixth annual series of spring feeder cattle sales will get underway in Virginia next week.

K. C. Williamson, associate animal husbandman at VPI, says the sales will be held: April 9 at 7:30 P. M. in Roanoke, 400 head; April 15 at 7 P. M. in Harrisonburg, 700 head; April 16 at 1 P. M. in Richmond, 400 head; April 17 at 1 P. M. in Lynchburg, 600 head; and April 18, at 1 P. M., in Winchester, 1,500 head.

Spread Marketing

Spring feeder sales were first held in 1953 to help spread the marketing of feeder-type cattle to a different season of the year and relieve some of the large runs of cattle usually associated with the fall months.

The spring sales also furnish a market of some of the calves which are too light to be sold economically at fall feeder calf sales. Some farms in Virginia are adapted to producing enough feed to winter more cattle than can be grazed. This spring sale provides an outlet for these cattle.

Demand Usually Good

Williamson says the demand for feeder cattle is usually good in the spring from men that buy heavy yearling type cattle in the fall and move them out of feed lots in late winter and early spring. In Virginia the demand for cattle to turn on native bluegrass pasture is usually good about the time the weather starts getting warm.

The cattle going through the sales must be of good beef breeding and grade medium or better. They must be naturally polled or dehorned and vaccinated for blackleg and shipping fever. Both steers and heifers are accepted in the sales, but bulls or stags are not. Heifer cattle must come from clean herds that have been tested for TB and brucellosis and found clean within 12 months of the sale date.

The cattle that are sold in the spring sales are graded by representatives of the State Department of Agriculture's livestock grading section, and are sold in groups by breed, sex, grade, and weight.

Azeleas Are Fussy About Environment

Azeleas are a bit fussy about their environment, says A. S. Beecher, associate horticulturist at VPI.

Home owners who are planning to set out azeleas this spring should be sure they know the needs of the plants. Azeleas need acid soil, shade and moisture.

A sandy loam containing plenty of organic matter is the most desirable soil type for azeleas because the soil is generally porous enough to provide ample aeration for the roots. Oak leaves, well rotted sawdust or peat, are valuable ingredients to add to the soil to help improve its physical characteristics.

Chemicals such as sulphur or aluminum sulphate can be added when the soil is being prepared to help acidify it. These materials should be used to supplement and not to take the place of organic matter. Apply powdered sulphur at the rate of 1 to 1½ pounds per 100 square feet. Apply aluminum sulphate at the rate of 2 to 4 pounds per 100 square feet.

Select a suitable site for the azeleas. Try to put them where there is some noonday shade. Provide protection from prevailing winds. Avoid planting them next to the hot masonry wall of a house foundation because the reflected heat in summer may seriously damage the plants.

Do not allow azeleas to dry out in the summer. Too much water is also harmful, so provide proper drainage. Use a two-inch mulch to conserve soil moisture.

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H-Bomb For Fighter Plane

Port Worth, Texas.- General O. P. Weyland, commander of the Tactical Air Command, announced recently that a hydrogen bomb small enough to be carried by a fighter-bomber has been developed for use by Tactical Air Forces.

The General, whose headquarters are at Langley Air Force Base, Va., says that the fighter delivery system for the H-bomb was so accurate it exceeded that of the low altitude bombing system. He said tactical fighters were dispersed at bases around the world, and a "large segment" of any potential enemy target complex was within their range.

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Crude oil output dips to lowest level since 1954.

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Route One.- Mr. Frank has been on the sick list a week. He is much better

visited in the home of Mrs. Frank Webber over were Mr. and Mrs. of Richmond; Mr. Julian Garrett and daughter of Richmond; Mr. C. W. Lawrence Webber, Mr. Webber, Mr. Leslie son, Clyde; Mr. Jim Mr. Jack Price, Mr. Webber, all of Pamplin.

Webber, Edward Webber Mrs. Mabel Chapman visited awhile Monday.

U. D. C. Scholarships Available

Celebrating its 50th year of offering scholarships of both gift and loan types, the Virginia Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy has announced various awards vacant for the college year beginning September, 1958, and will welcome applications for them now through August 1.

Qualifications for scholarships are: All applicants for scholarships or loans must be lineal descendants of Confederate veterans, members of the Children of the Confederacy, or a child of a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, living or deceased; they must be in need of financial assistance in continuing their education, and they must be prepared to pass the entrance examinations at the college they desire to attend. Certain letters, records and endorsements must be furnished by the student. Those interested may secure complete information necessary and assistance in making application by consulting Mrs. Jerry A. Burke, president of Appomattox Chapter, U. D. C.

Where Vacancies Exist

Tuition and part-tuition scholarships vacant for the session of 1958-59 are: Fork Union Military Academy (Freshman preferred); Shenandoah College; Shenandoah Conservatory of Music; Southern Seminary and Junior College (Freshman only); Washington and Lee University (Freshman only); Virginia Intermont College, Randolph-Macon College at Ashland; Averett College (boarding student only).

In the Virginia Division Gift Scholarships, the Janet Weaver Randolph Gift Scholarship is vacant; this is for girls only, in the Junior or Senior Class, to be used at the College of William and Mary.

Virginia Division Loan Funds are available to the following extent: Jennie Gunn Ball Loan Scholarship, for girl or boy, Junior or Senior year, transferable; Rives Cosby Ford Loan Scholarship, boy or girl, Junior or Senior year, transferable; Fannie Martin Tate Loan Scholarship, for use at Radford College, Sophomore, Junior or Senior student; Kate Mason Rowland Loan Scholarship for use at Madison College by a Sophomore, Junior or Senior student Kate Noland Garnett Loan Scholarship, for use at Longwood College by a Sophomore, Junior or Senior student; and Nannie Seddon Barney Loan Scholarship, for use at Mary Washington College by a Sophomore, Junior or Senior student. Loans are not granted to Freshmen or used for graduate or post graduate work.

All applications for Virginia Division Tuition and Gift Scholarships must be completed and forwarded to the Chairman of Education, Mrs. C. W. Bishop, 926 Patterson Ave., SW, Roanoke, no later than July 1. Applications for loans, either Virginia Division or General, may be presented up to August 1. The UDC General has also issued an educational circular pertaining to scholarships and loans for schools in other states.

This information also can be obtained from Mrs. J. A. Burke.

Japan Build, Destroyer

Tokyo.- Japan has completed her first post-war destroyer, the 1,700-ton Ayanmu, it has been announced.

The destroyer has few portholes and few facilities exposed on the deck, and is completely sheltered against nuclear fallout. She was built at a cost of 2,500,000,000 yen (about $6,400,000).

INSECT TROUBLES REPORTED IN STATE

Insect troubles in various areas of Virginia have prompted VPI entomologists to outline some controls which may be of benefit to home owners.

For instance, grape scale has been reported in some vineyards. Arthur P. Morris, VPI associate entomologis, says if your grapes have this trouble, strip the old bark off the vines and spray with liquid lime sulphur, one quart in 2½ gallons of spray. This also will kill blackrot spores. If dormant spray oil is used for spray, follow directions on the container. After spraying, spread a little 5-10-5 fertilizer over the root to help the plant recover.

Elm leaf beetles are emerging from winter hibernation in some areas. They do not harm wood, fabrics, food, or animals in the house. Vacuum or sweep them up in the house and destroy them. Controls are best applied on host elm trees outside during the summer.

Sowbugs are also appearing in some areas. Caulk or stop up cracks and holes where they can enter the house and vacuum or sweep up those inside and destroy them. It is best to control them outside in their natural habitat as recommended in Bulletin 46, "Insects and Diseases of Vegetables in the Home Garden," avvitable from your county agent.

Dusts and household sprays can be used in houses, basements, and under buildings. Care must be taken inside buildings to prevent the contamination of foods or utensils.

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And yet, this $1.2 billion decrease in consumer spending averages out to only $24 per family per year, or less than 47¢ per week. If each of our 50 million family or spending units had spent just 47¢ more per week at an annual rate, there would be less talk of "recession" today. To put it another way, if these spending units *had been sold* each week just 47¢ more merchandise than they *were* sold, the last quarter of '57 would have been as good and probably better than the record-breaking third quarter.

What caused the drop in consumer spending? *It wasn't because people didn't have the money.* With an average family income of over $6,000, the consumer while decreasing his buying during the fourth quarter was saving at the net rate of $19.8 billion per year, a substantial increase over the savings rate of the third quarter. Money hadn't disappeared—it simply was out of circulation.

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